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REFERENCE: DEPT'S 277 BERLIN, 600 BONN.

BUILDING MATERIAL UNLOADED NEAR ROAD TO STEINSTUECKEN (BERLIN'S 407 TO DEPT, 362 BONN) HAS BEEN USED CONSTRUCT DOUBLE BARBED WIREFENCE ALONG ZONAL BORDER IN VICINITY ACCESS ROAD. SECOND FENCE PARALLELING FIRST MAY BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION EASTERLY AND WESTERLY DIRECTIONS FROM ACCESS ROAD AND AT SOME DISTANCE BACK FROM ZONAL BORDER. THUS FAR NO INDICATION BUILDING FENCE ALONG LENGTH ACCESS ROAD TO STEINSTUECKEN. WEST BERLIN POLICE HAVE NO INFORMATION FROM PERMANENT RESIDENTS OR TRADESMEN WHO ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER AREA THAT EAST GERMANS INTEND TO SEAL OFF EXCLAVE.

SITUATION RE TRANSIT PASSES FOR TRADESMEN AND CRAFTSMEN CURRENTLY UNCLEAR SINCE PASSES ISSUED FOR AUGUST HAVE NOT BEEN EXTENDED FOR SEPTEMBER, BUT SOME OF AUGUST PASSES HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY EAST GERMAN BORDER GUARDS, WHO APPARENTLY ARBITRARILY DECIDE WHO ALLOWED TO PASS. COAL AND OTHER DELIVERIES CAN GET THROUGH AS CAN FIRE ENGINES AND POSTAL SERVICE. HOWEVER, REPAIRMEN AND GAS AND ELECTRIC METER MEN NOT GIVEN PERMISSION. ZEHLENDORF MAYOR STIEWE HAS SENT OFFICIAL LETTER TO EAST BERLIN AUTHORITY REQUESTING CLARIFICATION PASS QUESTION, BUT LETTER SO FAR UNANSWERED. EFFORTS BY STIEWE'S REPRESENTATIVE TO TAKE UP MATTER ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH BORDER POLICE AT THEIR CHECKPOINT ON ROAD STEINSTUECKEN HAVE HAD NO RESULTS.

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EAST ZONE AUTHORITIES THUS APPEAR TO BE PURSUING POLICY OF HARASSMENT BY DENYING VITAL SERVICES TO RESIDENTS AND ACCESS TO ZEHLENDORF MAYOR. BARBED WIRE FENCES SO FAR ERECTED APPARENTLY PART OF SEALING SECTOR-ZONAL BOUNDARIES.

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